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THE WEATHER.

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HUERTA REFUSES—WAR IS IMMINENT!

"President" Huerta Defies the United States.

PROGRAMME OF REPRISAL WILL BE CARRIED OUT BY THE UNITED STATES

Cabinet Meets This Morning at Ten Thirty and Definite Plans Will Be Made—President to Deliver Special Message to Congress Asking for Authority to Use Army and Navy in Enforcing Salute to "Old Glory"

Washington, April 19.—Gen. Victoriano Huerta, provisional President of Mexico, flatly refused tonight to accede to the unconditional demands of the United States that he salute the American flag, and Congress will be asked by President Wilson tomorrow for authority to use armed forces to uphold the honor and dignity of the Nation.

Negotiations with Huerta over the demand for a salute in reparation for the arrest of American blue jackets at Tampico, on April 10, came to a close at 6 o'clock tonight, the last hour given by President Wilson for a favorable response from the Mexican dictator. The final word of Huerta to Charge O'Shaughnessy was a refusal to comply, unless the United States would guarantee in writing that his salute would be returned.

President Wilson at midnight was on his way to Washington from White Sulphur Springs, preparing to read a message to Congress in joint session as early as it can be arranged tomorrow. In the meantime American war fleets were moving down both coasts on their way to Mexican waters to carry out the President's plan for reprisal.

No Declaration of War.

The crisis thus reached does not mean that there will be a formal declaration of war, because the United States could not declare war against the government which it does not recognize. President Wilson will seek authority, however, to send armed forces into Mexico to seize first the ports of Tampico and Vera Cruz and the railroad trestle leading from Vera Cruz toward Mexico City.

The President directed that a cabinet meeting be called for 10:30 o'clock tomorrow when final arrangements for a pacific blockade of Mexican ports and ports in the President's programme will be deliberated. The breach that finally has come with Mexico will make it possible, it was declared tonight on high authority, for the United States to further protect foreigners in that Republic and foreign government have been notified of the situation in this regard.

The President, it was declared, not only would ask Congress for authority to use the armed forces to uphold the honor of the nation, but also for an appropriation, a deficiency already having been created because of expensive naval operations in anticipation of Huerta's defiance of this government.

The President probably will ask further that the Senate pass the volunteer act which already has passed the House providing for pressing into regular service the militia regiments in various States.

In preparation for the crisis that must be met, Senator Shively, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, and Representative Flood, chairman of the House foreign affairs committee, called meetings of these committees for tomorrow morning.

Representative Flood, who is on his honeymoon, telephoned from New York, that he would return immediately.

Bryan Issues Statement.

Just before midnight Secretary Bryan issued this statement:

"A little after 11 o'clock last night a brief dispatch came from Charge O'Shaughnessy at Mexico City saying that the President's demand of yesterday had been communicated to the foreign minister and was being carried by him to Gen. Huerta. The foreign minister asked O'Shaughnessy whether, in case Gen. Huerta acceded to the demand, a protocol would be signed providing for a return of the salute. The following despatch was sent to Charge O'Shaughnessy, in substance:

"'President Wilson is out of the city. Impossible to reach him before 8 A. M. tomorrow. Am certain that he would not consent to have you sign the protocol mentioned in your telegram. The salute should be fired without any agreement as to its return. The United States of America can be relied on, according to international custom and courtesy, to do its duty. The signing of the protocol would be objectionable, in addition to other reasons, because of the fact that it might be construed as recognition of the Huerta government, whereas the President has no intention of recognizing that government.'

"Early this morning a dispatch was received from Charge O'Shaughnessy saying that Gen. Huerta was willing to accede to the demand of Admiral Mayo, providing a protocol was signed, and setting forth a copy of the proposed protocol. Charge O'Shaughnessy asked whether he was authorized to sign it. I communicated with President Wilson by telephone and at his direction sent a telegram to Mr. O'Shaughnessy of which the following is a paraphrase: 'Copy of your telegram of 8 P. M. last night was sent to the President with copy of my reply to the effect that a protocol would be objectionable. The President replied: "Your reply to O'Shaughnessy is exactly what I should have wished it to be. In no case should any concession of any kind, in detail or otherwise, be made".'

Wilson Objected to Protocol.

"'I talked with the President over the telephone when your telegram of 11 P. M. last night was received to the effect that Gen. Huerta had acceded to the demand but only on condition that you sign a protocol. He repeated most emphatically his objection to any protocol or agreement. He insists that the salute shall not be fired as a matter of contract or with any stipulation that it be returned by us. It must be fired in accordance with international custom, as an apology for the insult offered. Gen. Huerta must trust that the United States will live up to the requirements of international courtesy in returning his salute when it shall have been fired. The proposed protocol is especially objectionable for it is so phrased that Gen. Huerta might construe it as recognition of his government, whereas the President has informed Gen. Huerta and the foreign governments that Gen. Huerta's government will not be recognized. Gen. Huerta's acceptance of the demand of Admiral Mayo must be unconditional, the details can be arranged directly with Admiral Mayo after Gen. Huerta announces that he will comply with that demand.

Make Things Clear to Huerta.

"'Make it clear to Gen. Huerta that further negotiations are unnecessary, it is expected that he accept at once, in order that the incident shall be closed.'

"At 9 o'clock a telegram was received from Charge O'Shaughnessy, but it was not conclusive and stated that he would call at the foreign office at 6 o'clock for a final answer.

"At 10 o'clock a telegram was received from Charge O'Shaughnessy conveying Gen. Huerta's final refusal. This was communicated to the President immediately by the telephone and he directed that a cabinet meeting be called for 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

"Charge O'Shaughnessy's telegram in substance follows:

"'At 5:50 P. M. I called at the foreign office and was handed a note verbal by the minister for foreign affairs. The note states in substance that the government of Mexico is not disposed to accede to the unconditional demand of the government of the United States. It further states that the Mexican government is disposed to act according to the terms of the protocol which I have transmitted to you. I informed him that so far as this embassy is concerned the matter is closed, and that I immediately should inform my government that Gen. Huerta had refused definitely the demands of the government of the United States. A translation of the note will be cabled later.'

"The President will arrive at Washington at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning."

Wilson's Ultimatum.

The White House later made public a paraphrase of Secretary Bryan's

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President Wilson Will Make the Next Move.

ARGUE FRANK CASE NEXT WEDNESDAY

Neither Side Likely to Ask for Postponement

TWO MOTIONS FILED

Judge Hill Would Be Loath to Consent to Postponement Even If Request Is Made by Both Sides of Case.

Atlanta, Ga., April 19.—Arguments on two motions which seek to prevent the execution of Leo M. Frank, convicted of the murder of fourteen-year-old Mary Phagan, are scheduled to be heard in Superior Court here Wednesday.

It was believed tonight that neither the prosecution or the defense would seek to have the arguments postponed on Wednesday. Judge Hill, of the Superior Court, has indicated that he was desirous of having the arguments proceed when they are called for Wednesday and that he would be loath to consent to a postponement.

One of the motions ask the annulment of the verdict returned against the young factory superintendent on the ground that both the defendant and his counsel were absent from the court room when the verdict was returned. This is held to have been in violation of the constitutional rights of the convicted man. Frank's absence was suggested by Judge Roan who prosecuted at the trial. It was feared physical violence might be inflicted on the defendant in case a verdict of acquittal was returned.

The other motion asks a new trial on the claim of newly-discovered evidence, repudiation of portions of evidence given by witnesses at the trial, especially that reflecting on Frank's character, and methods used by persons connected with the prosecution in preparing the case. William J. Burns, the detective, who has been investigating the case at the instance of Frank's friends, has not yet made his report. He already has said he believed a new trial should be had, but has said nothing further regarding the guilt or innocence of the accused. His findings are expected before Wednesday and may be used as a supplement to the motion for a new trial.

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY.

Of the Battle of Atlanta in July—During Civil War.

Atlanta, April 19.—Plans have assumed definite form here for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Atlanta, fought in the War Between the States on July 22nd. It is planned to invite the Governors of the 31 States represented in the battle to attend together with their staffs. Detachments of militia from the State also will be asked to attend.

Eighteen States were represented in the Federal army in the battles and 13 in the Confederacy defending force.

WILSON SPENDS A QUIET SUNDAY

President Detached Himself From Mexican Crisis.

HAS NOTHING TO SAY

When Messages Received That Huerta Had Refused to Fire Salute President Declined to Make Statement.

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., April 19.—At 10 o'clock tonight this announcement was made from President Wilson's room at the hotel:

"The President will have nothing to say on Mexico tonight."

This followed the receipt of long messages from Washington. The President stayed in his room and it is believed was occupied in preparing an address to be delivered in person tomorrow before a joint session of Congress.

The understanding here had been that favorable news would be given out. The President prepared to leave for Washington at 11:12 P. M.

Spent Quiet Day.

President Wilson detached himself almost completely from the Mexican

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HISTORICAL DATA ABOUT OLD MEXICO

Brief Summary of Conditions in Warring Nation

IMPORTANCE OF PORTS

Tampico and Vera Cruz, the Towns That May be Seized by the United States, Only Ports of Entry on Atlantic.

(By Geo. F. Cochrane.)

Since the latest trouble between this country and Mexico occurred, there has been quite a bit of interest in Mexican geography and he who could tell off hand the various facts, knowledge of which was desired by the crowd in which he might find himself, was looked upon as a man of parts.

The chief desire of the curious ones was information relative to Tampico—pronounced Tam-pe-ko, with the accent on the middle Syllable—and Vera Cruz, the two seaports mostly concerned in the second Mexican row between Uncle Sam and the land of the ancient Aztecs.

Tampico is 225 miles distant from Mexico City, the capital, and Vera Cruz is 198 miles away. These two

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TRIAL TODAY ON MURDER CHARGE

Young Couple Alleged to Have Drowned Baby

GIRL IS FROM DURHAM

Woman Said to Have Confessed to Solicitor That She Plead With Lover Not to Drown Two-Month-Old Child.

Spartanburg, S. C., April 19.—Charged with the murder of a two-month-old baby, Clyde C. Clement, recently a student in a preparatory school here, and Miss Laura F. Pendleton will appear in the court of General Sessions here tomorrow for trial.

The young woman, in an alleged confession made public by Solicitor Albert E. Hill, charges that Clement dropped the baby from a bridge into a creek here on the night of January 30th, this year. She is represented as saying that she unwillingly consented to the drowning only after Clement had threatened to abandon her, if she did not agree to the death, and agreed to marry her if she acquiesced.

According to the reputed confession, Miss Pendleton pleaded with her lover the whole night previous to the killing, asking him to let the child live and, if he would not do that, to drown her also.

The child is said to have been born in the Presbyterian hospital at Charlotte, N. C., where it was known as Virginia Caldwell. A young man giving his name as Caldwell and representing himself as the husband of the mother, is said to have settled the hospital bill.

Miss Pendleton's home is in Durham, N. C. Clement is the son of Robert C. Clement, a prominent merchant and planter.

SERIOUS SUNDAY SHOOTING AFFAIR AT FAIRMONT.

Several Persons Shot; Two Negroes Are In Jail.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Lumberton, N. C., April 19.—As the result of a negro row at Fairmont early this morning, Henry Jones is in jail for shooting Jim Bryant who shot Jones' wife, Bryant and Cullen Wallace. Bryant, who is also in jail, it is reported, went to Jones house last night and cursed everybody out. They were ordered away and left but returned early this morning and renewed their tirade of abuse.

After Bryant and Wallace had both taken a shot at the woman with pistols, the husband opened fire on Bryant with his breechloader, putting a load of No. 6 shot in the right thigh. The condition of the woman is serious. Wallace gave bond. Bryant and Wallace are said to have been drinking.

Carnations.

Special today, 50c per dozen at Woodall & Sheppard Drug Store and Orton Confectionery.

(advertisement.)

Factors in the Mexican Situation—Center, Mexican Troops; Left, John Lind; Right, Nelson O'Shaughnessy.

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If war does come the H. C. of L. will aviate.

"Give them a little more grape, Captain Bragg."

Chapultepec may yet be an American tourist resort.

There is nothing like a war to make the dominant party popular.

This should be a clean-up week in Mexico as well as Wilmington.

Give the trash and refuse twenty-one guns this day and every day this week.

Although war is hell, the flag must be saluted or somebody will catch what war is.

This Huerta party seems to be a stubborn old cuss. What he needs is thirty days and costs.

If an election were held just now all the candidates on the Saluters' ticket would win in a walk.

Huerta's matin song will doubtless begin with, "O, say can you see by the dawn's early light"—.

There is a curious idea abroad that Huerta framed it all up on purpose to get it started—and it appears even so.

Mexico is wet, which may account for some of Huerta's doings. Yes, he is full of pulque.

The prospect for another crop of able-bodied pensioners is somewhat better than it has been for quite a while.

What a pity they haven't a gun aboardship that will shoot 225 miles from Tampico to Huerta's favorite restaurant.

The trouble with Mexico is she hasn't got any militant suffragettes. They would have routed Huerta many moons ago.

Of course, Willyum Alsorandolph Hearst will go to the front. He has been wanting this all the time—to hear him tell it.

Suppose Japan takes a notion, should we go to war, to take a side swipe at us—and the Philippines. Then what?

While we are at it we might as well declare war on the fly and salute his flag with a dose of dizen that will put him out of business.

Good morning! Have you enlisted in John McAllister's clean-up squadron? Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party.

If we do have a war with Mexico, prepare to lick those stamps again which you licked when we licked the dogs some sixteen years ago.

Young turnip sprouts and salt pork, by the way, is a dish that just at this time we cheerfully commend to your most distinguished consideration.

Dealers in choice bombproofs may experience a sudden augmentation in business during the next several weeks or months or years, as the case may be.

Suppose you should wake up tomorrow morning and read: "President calls for volunteers"—you rantankerous Mexicophobist, would you grab a musket and go?

"Which flag were the Federals to salute?" blandly inquired a 33rd degree baseball fan who called up for the Sunday scores last night—"The American or the National League?"

If a man would pull a gun on you, a gun, you understand, which had a hole in the barrel big enough to stick a hogshead in, and order you to salute him, what would you do? Reply is not necessary.

If Wilmington is needed President Wilson may rely on the Wilmington Light Infantry boys on land and what's the matter with the revenue cutter Seminole and Captain Carden for the blockading squadron?

If Huerta's idea is that his little play will unite the Mexican people and win over the rebels, he seems to have miscued, for the dispatches say Villa is still beating the Federals and has expressed no disapproval of the approaching fleet of battleships.

THE THRILL OF WAR

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jo in upholding his hands. But when word came that Mexico as represented by the villain Huerta, had dared to insult Old Glory and mistreat our seamen, and the President backed up Admiral Mayo, the doughty admiral who promptly demanded an apology, every mother's son thrilled with enthusiasm at the prospect of a fight and many a man began planning to volunteer when Mr. Wilson passed out the call. The Nation watched with pride the progress of its magnificent fleet as it steamed south to see about what happened down there and be ready to execute any orders that the government might send. "We do not know what we are to do," remarked Admiral Badger as he sailed from historic Hampton Roads, "but we are ready to do it." Well might the Secretary of the Navy lay that utterance along side the laconic utterances of former naval commanders, for it is typically American and expresses the American spirit today. The country is a-thrill and while it doesn't know what might happen, it is ready to salute the colors and see that others salute them, too.

NEXT TO GODLINESS.

It being asserted of old and held to be true even to this day that personal cleanliness is next to godliness, it may be said with equal truth and force that the same applies to a community as well as to an individual; and this being the first day of Clean-Up Week in Wilmington, let us all get very busy and rake up the trash and peep over the fence to see if our neighbors are doing so, too.

A Wilmington clean is a Wilmington beautiful and a Wilmington healthful. It means a reduction in the fly and mosquito population, which in turn means a decrease in malaria and typhoid and the diseases that kill the children in the summer time. That means money saved, means happiness conserved, means a stronger citizenship and a better one.

So join forces with the energetic street department this day and every day this week, and every day every other week in the year. Let us clean the city and keep it clean. It is a fine investment of energy and labor and will pay fat dividends.

And now they say General Villa is a mulatto, born in Maryland, formerly a soldier in the Tenth Cavalry, and that it is due to his year of training in the army of this country that he is outgeneraling the Federal commanders.

Charlotte's famous, justly famous booster, Mr. C. O. Kuester, will find a cordial welcome when he comes to Wilmington Saturday. Let us hope that his spirit of boosting will prove so infectious that it will do us all good.

With Villa to the west of him and your Uncle Samuel's thirteen-inchers to the east of him, Old Man Vic's position is not such as one would care to occupy unless he had an aeroplane and the night were unusually dark for this time of year.

It appearing since the war with Spain that the manifest destiny of this country is to take hold of the backward peoples and teach them the ways of peace and prosperity, why not take hold of bleeding Mexico and set her on her feet and keep her?

Secretary Daniels says the Democrats have done more in the way of conservative legislation the past two years than the Republicans have done in two decades. The sailormen doubtless think that there has been something in the radical line, too.

Of course, there is a chance that we will have to feed sixteen million greasers for the next two or three years, but why worry? If we didn't spend the money Congressmen would be erecting $75,000 postoffice buildings in every two-by-four town in the land, to say nothing of printing a lot of their undelivered speeches and sending out seeds that are fed to the chickens.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

First Real Spring Sunday Brings Large Congregations.

In spite of the fact that yesterday was the first real spring Sabbath of the year and the "call to the wild" was insistent in many an ear, all Wilmington churches were filled yesterday and last evening with large congregations. The services at the Catholic church being especially notable, large congregations worshipped both morning and evening there and distinguished honors were paid to the beloved Bishop Haid.

At Grace Methodist church Rev. Mr. Bundy Sunday evening preached to a large congregation an intensely practical sermon upon the general theme, "The Unbridled Tongue." His remarks were addressed to both the male and female portion of his congregation and he was heard with marked interest.

At St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, the pastor, Dr. McClure, preached a most earnest and what many considered was the strongest sermon they have ever heard him preach. His subject was "Faith and Repentance," and Dr. McClure was heard with more than the usual interest by a large congregation.

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nuco river, five miles from the Gulf. There is ample railway service to the interior of the country. The harbor is unsafe because of sand bars, but vessels drawing 24 feet of water may enter, jetties having made this possible. Modern conveniences obtain in the city, but because of its low, swampy site, it is not a healthful place. Six years ago its population was 17,168, and it may be guessed that now the citizenship has increased to at least 25,000, and probably more. It is a place of commercial importance and foreign capital has interests there. Some time since the rebels attacked the city but were driven away.

Vera Cruz awakens memories of the first conflict between this country and Mexico. Gen. Winfield Scott captured the city in 1847. Much history centers around the place. It was founded by the daring and brutal Cortez 394 years ago, but it was not until the 17th century that it began to grow. The French occupied it in 1838 and from 1862 to 1867 it was in the possession of the allied armies of France and Spain. It is a considerable city with a population around 50,000. The harbor is of little importance, the only landing place being the open roadstead between the island of San Juan de Ulua and the city, yet the city has much commerce in both imports and exports.

Mexico herself is an interesting study, even though there were nothing to glue our attention to her just now. Possessing an area of 767,316 square miles, she is rich in natural resources of many kinds and with stable government and peace, there is no room for doubt that the opulent country to our south would experience amazing development.

From north to south the country measures about 2,000 miles, and from east to west from 125 miles at the narrowest point, and 1,600 at the broadest. Between it and this country is a border of 1,833 miles. The country is partly in the North Temperate Zone and partly in the Torrid Zone, so that it may readily be conceived how the people in the two halves of the "Republic" differ so widely in sentiment. The Constitutionalists now hold practically all of the north. The climate is greatly diversified but those who have traveled through the land say that on the whole it is equitable and healthful.

Under Porfirio Diaz, now living in Paris in blissful retirement, doubtless thanking his stars that he is not at home just now, the country witnessed great development of its mining and oil and timber resources. He ruled with an iron hand and was "President" for a generation. Madero drove him out and Huerta, a Diaz type of man and one of the former dictator's henchmen, effectively removed him and made himself the ruler of the land. Madero, by the way, was a 32nd degree Mason, and the fraternity in this country does not view the provisional President with any affection.

Much of the development of resources, cattle raising, railroad construction, etc., has been brought about by foreign capital. American capitalists have been reported as having about one billion dollars down there, and the English have probably as much, while German, French and other interests have large holdings.

It is without daubt to these foreign investments that the entire revolution which began under Madero, is due. Doaz is said to have favored the English investor in discrimination to the American. Madero was the reverse, and since then there has been so much brigandage, personal ambition on the part of various leaders, and cross-current fighting, that all interests seem to have suffered equally.

Mexico was inhabited originally by Aztec Indians who had developed a high state of civilization. Cortez began his conquest in 1519 and was captain general for 16 years. For more than 300 years thereafter Spain carried on her cruel policy of oppression and slavery of the people, until 1821 the natives rose and declared independence. Then followed political complications and in 1836 Texas seceded and declared herself a Republic. Americans had settled the land and they wouldn't stand for Mexican rule any more than Mexico would abide the Spanish yoke. The Lone Star State was admitted into the Union some nine years later and when a boundary dispute arose with Mexico, war broke out between the two countries. The Mexicans never won a battle. The American armies were ridiculously small as viewed with present day eyes, and often the Mexicans outnumbered them greatly, but we managed to clean them up on all occasions. Their hideous slaughter of the brave men of the Alamo, including the celebrated Davy Crockett, fired the whole country with a fierce desire for revenge. It was in this war that the leading figures of our own Civil War received their baptism of fire and their training for the titanic struggle which began in 1861. Lee and Davis won great credit for bravery and genius, the first as an army engineer and the other as colonel of a Mississippi regiment of squirrel hunters. Many of the best officers in the armies of North and South were in the Mexican war.

During our Civil War France sought to set up an empire and Maximilian, archduke of Austria, came over to be emperor. An army came with him, but it was defeated by the Mexicans and the "emperor" taken prisoner and shot. The United States, relieved of its own Civil War, had turned its attention to the situation in Mexico and remonstrated with France in regard to her attempt to occupy the country, emphasizing the Monroe Doctrine.

For many years thereafter there had been peace and development under the rigid rule of Diaz, who was virtually a despot. But with the rising of Madero trouble came and has since remained in the land of the peon and the hot tamale.

It may be that Mexico is passing through her refining fire at this time. What she needs is liberty, the abolition of brutal slavery, the opportunity for every man to own land and be his own paymaster, the education of her people, and the peaceful development of her immense natural resources. It is to be hoped that after this internal strife is over and foreign complications are settled, the favored land will speed along the paths of progress.

Kinston, N. C., April 20.—Joseph Lane, a well known young man, is dead at his home in East Kinston, a victim of Bright's disease. Mr. Lane was 32 years of age and is survived by a widow and three children. He was in the lumber business. He was a member of the Masonic and Junior O. U. A. M. fraternities.

IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

FIRST WEEK OF PLAYING SPRINGS SOME SURPRISES

Spectacular Spurts of Several Clubs With Downfall of Former Leaders

THE FEDERAL OPENING

"Outlaws" Are Furnishing First-class Article of the Game—Records of the Opening Games. Good Attendance.

New York, April 19.—After one of the stormiest Winters organized baseball ever experienced the successful opening of the major league season Tuesday last, brought relief both to officials and supporters of the game.

Right at the start in each league things began to happen that made fans forget that the business end of baseball had been in upheaval for months. Such, for instance, were the winning spurts of Brooklyn and Philadelphia in the National League and brilliant work of the Chicago, Washington and New York teams in the American. Equally interesting were the unsuccessful struggles of the world's champion Athletics and the National League champion Giants to win even a single game the first week of play.

White Sox a Surprise.

Taking the American League developments, the playing of the White Sox took many watchers of the game by surprise. Clarke Griffith's Washingtons so far have shown themselves to be the same hustling clan as last year. Only Groom, of their 1913 boxmen is gone. But the big fact about them is that Walter Johnson still is a member of the team.

Giants Far Ahead.

As for New York the first games showed it far ahead of the start of the 1913 season.

The week found St. Louis, Detroit and Boston tied for fourth place with an even division of victories and defeats.

The Clevelands are having a sorry time of it. They dropped their first five games but all by the closest of scores, and promise to do far better when the regulars get to hitting.

Athletics Not Ready.

The start of the Athletics was poor. Connie Mack's veteran boxmen are not ready and the Colts have been hit with considerable freedom. The Mack men, however, are the pennant choice of nearly all the experts.

National League conditions are shaping themselves slowly. The team is a heavy hitting one and with the strengthening it has had in the box ought to finish far higher up than last year.

Philadelphia has surprised its warmest friends by soundly trouncing the Giants in two engagements and keeping up the winning streak at the expense of the Braves.

Pittsburgh, strengthened by the St. Louis tribe, is playing up to expectations. St. Louis seems strengthened, too. The pitching problem seems likely to bother the Cardinals, however.

Cubs Show Little.

The Chicago Cubs have done little and give small indication of what the outcome of Hank O'Day's second managerial experiment will be. Something of the same may be said of Cincinnati where the effort of Charley Herzog to get together a winning team will be watched with interest.

As for Boston, the showing of Stalling's men has been a disappointment but there seems no reason to doubt that under their pushing leader they soon will begin to do better.

The Federals.

This week also witnessed the beginning of the season in the Federal League. This new organization made things interesting for the powers of organized baseball during the Winter and now is testing its drawing power on the field. So far the new league has provided close, interesting, and well-played games for the most part and the world of baseball is watching interestedly the progress of the experiment. Brooklyn is leading the way in this league, with St. Louis, Buffalo and Chicago close up.

The record in each league of games played, won and lost with runs, hits, errors and men left on bases follows:

National	P	W	L	R	H	E
Brooklyn	3	3	0	22	32	3
Philadelphia	3	3	0	18	33	5
Pittsburgh	5	4	1	20	42	13
St. Louis	5	2	3	9	28	12
Cincinnati	3	1	2	20	20	4
Chicago	3	1	2	9	14	5
New York	2	0	2	8	22	5
Boston	3	0	3	5	19	7

American	P	W	L	R	H	E
Chicago	5	5	0	19	36	8
Washington	4	3	1	9	25	4
New York	3	2	1	13	24	4
St. Louis	4	2	2	15	32	8
Detroit	4	2	2	13	36	11
Boston	4	2	2	3	19	12
Philadelphia	3	0	3	2	12	2
Cleveland	5	0	5	11	37	5

GUILFORD HOLDS HER FIRST COUNTY COMENCEMENT.

Something Like 2,500 Children Participate—Dr. Joyner Speaks.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Greensboro, N. C., April 19.—Something like 2,500 school children attended the first Guilford county commencement held on the grounds of the Central Carolina Fair Association here Saturday. Under smiling April skies they marched about the race track in the morning, heard the contests in recitation and declamation and the address of State Superintendent J. Y. Joyner, partook of a sumptuous picnic dinner, witnessed the athletic contests in the afternoon and gave a splendid finale to the day's exercises by marching from the fair grounds over the principal thoroughfares of the city.

It was a red letter day in the lives of the young people, ranging in ages from six to twenty years, and for their parents some of whom have reached the allotted three score years and ten.

Attend the Souvenir Spring Opening at Warren's, Front and Market, Wednesday, April 22nd. 2t.
(advertisement.)

THE WHITE SOX BREAK

Weilman, of the Browns, Held Chicago to Four Hits.

Chicago, April 19.—St. Louis broke Chicago's winning streak today, winning 5 to 1. Weilman held the locals to four scattered hits. Chicago started a belated rally in the ninth but good fielding by Austin made a rally shortlived.

St. Louis . . . . .000 401 000—5 9 1
Chicago . . . . .000 000 001—1 5 5

Weilman and Crossin; Cicotte, Jasper and Schalk.

TIGER'S RALLY WINS

Cleveland Naps Sixth Consecutive Defeat by One-run Margin.

Detroit, Mich., April 19.—Pulling the game from the fire by rallies in the eighth and ninth innings, the Detroit Tigers defeated Cleviand 7 to 6 today. It was Cleveland's sixth consecutive defeat. The last five games have been lost by a single run, an American League record.

The game was loosely played but Turner's sensational fielding robbed Detroit of at least three tallies.

Cleveland . . . . . 000 000 000—6 9 3
Detroit . . . . . 003 000 031—7 7 3

Kahler and O'Neill; Boehler, DuBuc and Stanage.

THEIR THIRD STRAIGHT

St. Louis Outlaws Win Third Consecutive Game From Indianapolis.

St. Louis, April 19.—The St. Louis Federals won their third consecutive game from Indianapolis today, 9 to 2. The visitors captured only the first game of the series which closed today. The locals bunched hits in the fourth inning and made four runs.

St. Louis . . . . . 020 410 20x—9 13 0
Indianapolis . . . . 000 020 000—2 6 8

Keupper and Hartley; Falkenburg and Rariden.

K. C. WINS 7 TO 6.

Fifteen Innings Played Before Decision Was Reached.

Kansas City, April 19.—Chadbourn's single, Potts' sacrifice and Kinworthy's drive over second base, scored the winning run in the 15th inning and gave Kansas City a 7 to 6 victory over the Chicago Federals. After being a slugging match up to the ninth, Packard and Watson turned the game into a pitchers' battle when they took the mound. Wilson's home run in the ninth sent the game into the extra innings.

Chi. . . . .001 100 031 000 000—6 15 1
K. C. . . .001 041 000 000 001—7 12 2

Fisk, Lange, Watson and Wilson; Harris, Packard and Easterly.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE'S FIRST WEEK'S WORK.

Four Teams Finish With Percentage of .500 or Better.

Atlanta, Ga., April 19.—Four teams finished the first week of the outhern Association season of 1914 with their percentage of victories over the .500 mark. Atlanta, Chattanooga and New Orleans each won four and lost one and are second place its winning percentage being .800. Mobile finished in second place its winning percentage being .600. Birmingham got away poorly during the week just closed, and tied for fourth place with Nashville and Memphis with a winning count of .200.

Montgomery finished the week with a .400 percentage, winning two and losing three contests.

WILSON SPENDS A QUIET SUNDAY

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crisis today, diverting his mind from worry over what Huerta's answer might be to the American ultimatum by spending a quiet day in the company of Mrs. Wilson and their two daughters.

There was little official communication with Washington. But one answer could alter the events as they have been planned by the President and that an unequivocal acceptance of the American demand for a salute had not come from Huerta up to tonight.

Until tomorrow morning, the President will wait for Huerta's reply to reach him, and then he will personally address Congress about noon asking authority to use the army and navy to take necessary steps for the enforcement of Rear Admiral Mayo's original demand at Tampico for a 21-gun apology for the arrest of the American blue jackets.

The only message the President had gotten up to 6 o'clock was a short message Secretary Bryan paraphrasing Charge O'Shaughnessy's brief note of late last night, to the effect that Huerta was conciliatory, but had not yielded.

Mr. Wilson is not in a mood to listen to counter proposals or further quibbling. Charge O'Shaughnessy has final instructions that the only satisfactory answer is announcement of Huerta's intention to salute the flag with 21 guns. What the United States will do in response has been left to Rear Admiral Mayo. No promise has been made to fire a return salute, Huerta being informed, merely that if a salute is fired international practice will be followed by Admiral Mayo who originally said he would acknowledge the salute. Realizing there was nothing to do but wait, the President spent the day enjoying the mountain scenery.

The President had hardly finished breakfast when a brief message came from Secretary Bryan. "Encouraging but not final," was the description given of Huerta's attitude, and a brief reply was sent to Washington.

Wilson Saluted Flag.

To forget the Mexican situation, the President took a stroll in the morning. Only Mrs. Wilson accompanied him. On leaving the hotel they saw little children struggling for possession of an American flag. Finally a laughing youngster got it away from his playmates and raced up to the President.

"Good morning," said the little fellow as the President saluted the flag, and took it.

The President smilingly continued his walk with Mrs. Wilson. Upon reaching the golf links, the two secret service men dropped back a distance, the President and Mrs. Wilson walked a few hundred yards to one of the benches at a teeing ground.

For an hour the President and Mrs. Wilson sat on the links and then they walked back to the hotel. The nearest Presbyterian church is at Lewisburg, ten miles away and as the President did not want to subject Mrs. Wilson to so long a journey religious worship was omitted.

In the afternoon the entire Wilson family went riding in a buckboard.

When the President got back to the hotel he found no messages or telephone calls.

Leaving Mrs. Wilson and his daughters he went for a walk in the hills accompanied only by secret service men. Returning at sundown, he prepared to go aboard his private car with his family at 10 o'clock. The car was due tot leave here at 11:10 P. M. and arrive in Washington at 7:15 A. M.

Although ready to go to his private car, the President on receiving word at 8:30 o'clock from a newspaper man that a message from Mexico City was en route to the State Department, decided to wait in his suite at the hotel for a few hours. He will leave at 11:10 P. M.

The President was walking up and down the private corridor near his suite, anxiously awaiting the news. On the main floor below the hotel guests listened to an orchestra concert.

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Detroit 7; Cleveland 6.
At Chicago 1; St. Louis 5.

Games Today.
St. Louis at Chicago.
Cleveland at Detroit.
Washington at New York.
Philadelphia at Boston (2).

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At St. Louis 7; Chicago 9.
At Cincinnati 3; Pittsburg 9.

Games Today.
New York at Brooklyn.
Boston at Philadelphia.
Pittsburg at Cincinnati.
Chicago at St. Louis.

FEDERAL LEAGUE.

At St. Louis 9; Indianapolis 2.
At Kansas City 7; Chicago 6; (15 innings.)

Games Today.
Indianapolis at Kansas City.
Brooklyn at Baltimore.
Buffalo at Pittsburg.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

At New Orleans 3; Birmingham 2; (11 innings.)
At Nashville 13; Chattanooga 3.
At Mobile 2; Montgomery 4.
At Memphis 1; Atlanta 6.

American Association.

At Louisville 4; Cleveland 2.
At Kansas City 12; St. Paul 5.
2nd: Kansas City 9; St. Paul 12.
At Milwaukee-Minneapolis, rain.
At Indianapolis 5; Columbus 4.

CUBS WIN IN EIGHTH

Bunched Hits Good for Seven Tallies Playing in Rain.

St. Louis, April 19.—Chicago bunched hits and took several base on balls in the eighth inning today and scored seven runs. These with two scored earlier in the contest won the second game of the series with St. Louis 9 to 7. Part of the game was played in a light rain.

Chicago . . . . . 000 200 070—9 13 5
St. Louis . . . . . 100 000 240—7 7 2

Cheney and Archer; Griner and Snyder and Wingo.

RED TWIRLERS FAIL

Benton, Yingling and Clarke Were Wild—Pirates Steady.

Cincinnati, April 19.—Ineffective pitching by Cincinnati hurlers and better all-round work by Pittsburgh enabled the latter to win the second straight game from Cincinnati today, 9 to 3. Benton for the locals, was taken out of the box after the visitors had scored five runs on five hits.

Pittsburgh . . . .100 310 031—9 13 2
Cincinnati . . . .000 011 100—3 9 4

Cooper, McQuillan and Gibson; Benton, Yingling and Clark, Gonzales.

BALTIMORE INTERNATIONALS DEFEAT BOSTON BRAVES.

Baltimore, April 19.—The Baltimore Internationals today defeated the Boston Nationals, 3 to 2. One of Boston's runs was a homer by Mann.

Baltimore 3 6 1
Boston 2 9 2

Ruth, Caprol and Egan; Beck, James and Whalen.

PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS DEFEATED PROVIDENCE TEAM.

Rocky Point, R. I., April 19.—Boardman, a young recruit from Waterbury, Conn., pitched the Philadelphia Americans to a victory over the Providence team of the International League today. The score was 5 to 2.

Philadelphia 5 10 2
Providence 2 6 3

Boardman and Thomas; Bentley, Oldham and J. Onslow, Kocher.

MR. J. B. ROBBINS DEAD.

Aged Confederate Soldier Passes at South Rocky Mount.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., April 20.—Following illness of several months and a decline in health due to advanced years, Mr. J. B. Robbins, aged 83 years and a Confederate veteran, died Friday at the home of his daughter at South Rocky Mount.

The remains were taken last night to Wake Forest by the bereaved daughter and son, Prof. C. M. Robbins, in charge of the State Test Farm at A. & M. College, who was summoned here by telegraph. The The funeral was held Saturday in Wake Forest.

REGISTRATION BOOKS OPEN

Bond Issue Fight Will Come to Front Once More—Third Time Election Has Been Called.

Registration books for the election to be held on May 19th, when the city will vote on the question of issuing bonds in the sum of $200,000 for the purpose of acquiring wharf property and other transportation facilities, will open this morning, and the registration will continue through May 9th. The registrars, however, are only to be found at the regular polling place on the Saturdays between now and the time registration ceases, as follows: April 25th, May 2nd and May 9th.

Those who wish to register on week days may do so by applying to the registrars at their homes or places of business. The registrars for the different wards are as follows:

First ward, first precinct, Archie Seigler; First ward, second precinct, P. J. Breen; Second ward, F. S. Shepard; Third ward, A. C. Banck; Fourth ward, W. A. Spooner; Fifth ward, first precinct, J. R. Davis; Fifth ward, second precinct, Dan Ruark.

This is the third time since January that a formal call has been issued for an election on the question of bonds for municipal terminals. The first call issued, specified that the amount to be voted on be not more than $150,000, but later it was discovered that the special act of the Legislature authorized the city to vote on bonds for such a purpose arbitrarily fixed the amount to be voted on at $200,000. When this fact was discovered the first date set for the election was called off, and another call made, setting the date for March 24th.

The registration books were opened on the date specified, and continued open until something less than two weeks previous to the date set for the election. At this time it was discovered that the general election laws specified that registration books must close at least two weeks before the date of the election, therefore the city attorney held that the validity of the bonds might be questioned, in the event that the issue carried, on account of the violation of this technicality, and advised Council to call off the election and set another date, with the result that May 19th was decided upon.

Of late there has been little interest in the bond election question, but during the registration for the second called election the matter became the subject of quite a warm little fight, and now that the registration books are open again it is likely that interest will revive. Both sides will endeavor to secure as large a registration as possible. In order to vote against the bond issue, it is not necessary to actually cast a vote. If one registers and stays away from the polls it counts as a vote against the bonds, for to carry a majority of the registered vote will have to be cast in favor of the issue.

LOCAL INTEREST IN "WAR".

Star Office Echoes With the Music of the Telephone Bells.

Last night, it having been announced that The Star would issue an extra this morning, hundreds of people called the office and asked for information. Every one was eager to know the latest from Huerta.

That every daily newspaper office in the land was going through with a similar experience is not to be doubted. Interest was intense. Children, grown-ups, young ladies, and, if one may judge from the quavers in their voices, old ladies, and men of all ages called. One lady called in delightful voice, just when a bulletin came announcing that the Mexican dictator had flatly refused to salute the flag. She was told the import of the dispatch.

"The old sot!" she exclaimed in anger, surprise and contempt, and unless the ear of the reporter was deceived by some other sound, he got the idea that he heard a dainty slipper stamp on the floor. At least such a sound should have been heard as a fitting accompaniment of the delightful voice that exclaimed "the old sot!"

People out of town called. No doubt in every hamlet along the railroad everywhere there gathered crowds athirst for news from the strife-torn country to the south. Americans love not a dull time and the prospect of fighting, especially fighting those Mexican assassins and thieves, has the effect of waking the sleepiest gringo. The way the 'phone bells tingled reminded The Star office people of the world's series season when there were holes worn in the little gongs.

Around the bulletins posted by The Star were crowds until a late hour and each fresh bit of information caused a craning of necks as the compact mass of "Saluters" made a half moon around the bulletin window.

Appreciation was expressed of the service given by The Star last night and this morning the extra edition will be welcomed by the readers of the paper throughout its wide territory.

FOUR BOARDING HOUSES ROBBED SATURDAY NIGHT.

Various Amounts of Money and Jewelry Missed—Police at Work.

That Wilmington has a robber who specializes on boarding houses is indicated by the fact that four different ones were entered and robbed Saturday night. The boarding houses are located in different parts of the city, one being at 112 Chesnut street, another at 410 North Front, still another at 312 South Second street and one at Second and Dock streets. In each instance, the robber took only money or jewelry, but his combined haul must have been fairly large.

At 113 Chesnut one boarder lost $23, another $15 and still another $9. The boarders suffering the loss were in the same room, and the robber entered through the front door, which was not locked, and went only to this room. The robbery was not discovered until yesterday morning.

Different amounts of money were also secured at the other places entered, also a man's watch and chain and a lady's watch, with perhaps other jewelry. At one of the places a boarder awakened to find some one in his room. He asked the man what he was doing there, and the reply was that he boarded at the house and had entered the wrong room by mistake. He left and the boarder went back to sleep, to find when he awoke that his pocket change was missing. Other than that the man was white, he could give no description of him.

The police have a theory that the robberies were the act of some one who has boarded at all the different houses and is familiar with the rooms of the different occupants, etc. They have several promising clues, and are working to run them down. No definite information as to the identity of the thief.

IMPRESSIVE SERVICES HELD

Silver Jubilee Celebration in Honor of Bishop Leo Haid—Other Features Today.

Not since the handsome structure was dedicated two years ago has St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral here been the scene of services more impressive than those yesterday commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Episcopal consecration of Bishop Leo Haid, of Belmont Abbey, N. C. Attended and participated in by visiting bishops and clergy from eight different States, the services were of a nature to render the day a notable one in the history of the local parish.

Solemn pontificial high mass was celebrated yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock, and pontificial vespers and benediction last evening at 8 o'clock. Every available seat in the large auditorium was taken at each service. Rt. Rev. Bishop O'Connell, of Richmond, Va., preached the sermon at the morning service, while the evening sermon was by Bishop Haid.

Featuring the morning mass came a cablegram from the Vatican at Rome, signed by Cardinal Merry Del Val, conveying to the Rt. Rev. Bishop Haid the congratulations of His Holiness, Pope Pius X, and the Apostolic Benediction to the Benedictine family, the clergy and the people of the local parish. The cablegram was in Latin, and was read in the original first, and then translated to the congregation. Its translation is as follows:

"Rt. Rev. Bishop Haid, St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Wilmington.

"His Holiness, Pius X kindly expresses his most heartfelt congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of your Episcopal consecration, and as a token of his august benevolence imparts to you, your Benedictine family, your clergy and your people, the Apostolic Benediction.

"CARDINAL MERRY DEL VAL,
"Vatican, Rome."

In addition many other telegrams and letters were received, congratulating Bishop Haid and extending best wishes.

The officers of the mass yesterday morning were as follows: V. Rev. F. Bernard, Presby. assistant; Rev. F. Thomas and Rev. F. James, deacons of honor; Rev. D. Lannigan, deacon; Rev. F. Hayden, sub-deacon; Rev. P. Marion, chaplain to Bishop O'Connell; Rev. J. Budds, chaplain to Bishop Corrigan; Rev. F. Charles, chaplain to Abbot Charles.

Bishop O'Connell's subject was the "Anglo-Saxon Civilization," and he traced its descent to our times through the Benedictine Monks, who got it originally from the early Christians and transmitted it to the English and Scotch, and thence on down to the present day.

He spoke of the effect it has had in this country and in North Carolina, and referred to just laws of this State, which, framed before the Catholic church ever entered the commonwealth, were so fair and impartial as to exclude the restraints placed upon religious bodies in some other countries. The sermon was a masterly one, and was heard with great interest by the large congregation.

Bishop Haid, in delivering his sermon at the vespers service, took occasion to express his gratitude and appreciation of the tokens of love and esteem shown to him on the occasion of his anniversary, and he took the opportunity to extend his heartfelt thanks to the prelates, the fathers and priests, the people of Wilmington and Rev. Father C. Dennen, for their hospitality and many proofs of love for and confidence in their bishop.

He also took occasion to express his thanks to the Very Rev. Father Felix, vicar general, who is appointed administrator during the coming visit of the Bishop to Rome, and whom, Bishop Haid declared, has been the very life of the Silver Jubilee celebration, and who never tires in his solicitude for everything which can further the welfare and honor of the vicariate of North Carolina.

Bishop Haid compared the Catholic church to the United States government, the Pope being, in a sense, like the President, the center of authority. And as the president requires the support and co-operation of the people of the country, so does the Pope require the support and allegiance of the members of the church.

He carried the governmental comparison on through the various minor branches of government, States, counties, cities, etc., as corresponding with the parishes, religious communities, and educational and charitable institutions in the church.

He then pointed out that it was an act of filial obedience for him to go to Rome and pay homage to the Holy Father for himself and his people, but it was also an act of reverence and love. It would be impossible, he said, in rendering an account of his office, to tell all the details of the growth and strengthening of the church in the Vicariate, but he would attempt to do it justice. The Bishop then outlined the growth of the church in North Carolina, since 1868, when the first bishop was appointed in the person of Cardinal Gibbons, when there were scarcely a thousand Catholics in the whole State, only a few churches and scarcely any priests, down to the present day, with its strong membership, many handsome churches, educational and charitable institutions and with many priests and officers of the church.

Unusually beautiful musical programmes were rendered by St. Mary's choir at both the morning and the evening services, and added much to the impressiveness of the occasion. The rendition of "Veni Creator" by a quartette composed of Mrs. E. K. Bryan, Mrs. R. C. Banks and Messrs. F. Banks and R. C. Banks, at the morning service, was a noteworthy part of the programme, and Mrs. E. K. Brayn's solo, "O'Salutaris," at the vespers service was finely rendered.

Yesterday afternoon at the parochial residence a dinner was given in honor of Bishop Haid, and attended by the visiting prelates and clergy.

At 9:30 o'clock this morning pontifical requiem will be celebrated in memory of the deceased benefactors, priests and sisters of the church in this State. There will be a short memorial sermon by Bishop Haid, and a musical programme by the St. Mary's choir.

Following the morning service, the visiting prelates, clergy and laymen will be the guests of the local Knights of Columbus at the Hanover Club, on Wrightsville Beach. The party will leave the city this morning at 11:30 o'clock on special cars, and will spend the day on the island, returning at 5 P. M.

The last local feature of the jubilee celebration will be the reception tendered Bishop Haid this evening at 9 o'clock at the parochial residence by the ladies of the Sanctuary Society.

Bishop Haid and a number of other ... sail from Hoboken, N. J., next Saturday on the North German Lloyd liner Berlin, for Europe. They go to Rome to pay their Apostolic visit, and will be in Europe several months.

REUNION BEGINS TOMORROW

Annual Event of Scottish Rite Masons Will be Held in New Hall Here—Four Days.

Beginning tomorrow and continuing through Friday, the annual spring reunion of the co-ordinate bodies of Scottish Rite Freemasonry of the Valley of Wilmington, Orient of North Carolina, will be held in the handsome new Scottish Rite Hall in the local Masonic Temple, and will be attended by a large number of Knights and candidates for degrees from the surrounding counties. The attendance is expected to be the largest in the history of the consistory.

The lodges which will take part in the reunion, and will receive candidates into their ranks, are as follows: Lodge of Perfection, 4 to 14 degrees; Chapter Rose Croix, 14 to 18 degrees; Council of Kadosh, 18 to 30 degrees, and Consistory, 30 to 32 degrees. A very large class of local candidates, as well as many from the surrounding section, will take the degree work at the reunion.

All the work of remodeling the Scottish Rite Hall, which was formerly the ball room and banquet hall of the Masonic Temple, and which was leased from the Masonic Temple Corporation by the local Scottish Rite bodies for their own exclusive use for a period of 10 years, has practically been completed and everything will be in readiness for use by tomorrow. Something like $4,000 has been spent on the improvements and the former ball room has been transformed into a completely equipped and beautifully finished and furnished Scottish Rite Hall that is the equal of any in the State. It will be used for the first time during the reunion, and the members of the local bodies are looking forward to the occasion with added pleasure on this account.

The committees which have had charge of the arrangements and will officiate during the reunion are as follows:

Executive — H. G. Smallbones, chairman; C. B. Newcomb, secretary; James C. Munds, J. F. Leitner, S. R. Keyes.

Credentials—Jas. C. Munds, chairman; H. G. Smallbones, W. B. McKoy, J. F. Leitner.

Entertainment — H. E. Longley, chairman; C. L. Terry, C. C. Loughlin, Joseph Lee Frank.

Programme and Printing—Stuart R. Keyes, chairman; C. B. Newcomb, L. A. Scott.

Director of Class—H. E. Longley.

Director of Work—C. B. Newcomb.

Floor and Stage—Stuart R. Keyes, chairman; W. A. Whitney, C. L. Terry, H. W. Colwell, E. L. White, J. E. Burriss, G. C. McIntire

Master of Properties—W. A. Whitney.

Electrician—C. R. Suggs.

Scottish Rite Choir—A. S. Holden, director; first tenor, W. R. Dosher; second tenor, A. L. Dosher; first bass, W. A. McGirt; second bass, W. B. Muse.

SUN PARLOR DONATIONS.

Several Contributions to Hospital Received the Past Week.

During the past week a number of contributions were received for the fund that Miss Swain is raising for the sun parlor at the James Walker Memorial Hospital. Several people have expressed themselves as desirous of making a contribution, who have not yet done so. It is desired to make the fund an even one thousand dollars, if possible, and it is hoped that all who wish to contribute will do so this week so that final arrangement for the construction of the improvements may be made.

Following are the names and the amounts received the past week:

Previously acknowledged	$833.75
A friend	10.00
L. Hanson	5.00
Miss Sarah Gardner	1.00
M. W. Jacobi	5.00
George Thomas Swain	5.00
Edward T. Taylor	2.00
Mrs. L. P. Swain	2.00
A friend	.50
A friend	1.00
Miss Erla Roberts Swain	10 00
Wm. MacDuffie Bunting	5.00
A friend	1.00
A friend	1.00
Total	$882.25

MASONIC HOME AGENT COMING.

Mr. John J. Phoenix Will Visit City in Interests of Institution.

Mr. John J. Phoenix, representative of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home of Greensboro, will be among the Masons attending the reunion of Scottish Rite Masons which begins tomorrow and lasts till the 24th. He will be here in the interest of the institution, and any aid received by him in behalf of this splendid refuge for old and indigent members of the world's greatest fraternity, will be greatly appreciated by the executive committee of the home.

An effort is being made to clear off a mortgage of $10,000, and pleasing success has been met with in every one of the 21 towns visited thus far. These towns have donated a total of $3,100 toward paying the mortgage. Wilmington Masons may be depended upon to do their part in this worthy undertaking, so near to the hear of their order.

LARGEST ATTENDANCE YET.

Overflowing Congregation Hears Rev. R. A. MacFarland Preach.

The meeting at Brooklyn Baptist church, which has attracted such large congregations for several days past, was attended last night by the largest number of people who have yet heard the forceful sermons of Rev. R. A. MacFarland, of Scotland Neck Baptist church.

His theme was "Lessons from the Cross", and was a masterly effort. The meeting will continue until Wednesday night, services being held at 3:30 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons, and at 7:45 in the evenings of these three days. The public is most cordially invited and all are made welcome.

ROCKY MOUNT TO CLEAN UP.

Final Plans Made to Start Work This Morning.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Rocky Mount, N. C., April 20.—With final plans for the great cleaning jubilee which is to start in this city Monday morning at 7 o'clock and lasting for ten days, final and complete plans were made Saturday at a conference between Chairman of Sanitary Committee Taylor from the aldermen, and Sanitary Inspector J. P. Neal.

RED MEN TO CHARLOTTE

Grand Council Meets In Queen City May 19th-21st—Wilmington Will be Represented.

The Great Council of the Improved Order of Red Men will meet in Charlotte May 19th-21st, and it is expected that the meeting will be the occasion of the largest assemblage of pale-face Indians ever gathered together in North Carolina at one time.

Judge Carl Foster, the Great Incohoonee, head of the order in the United States, will attend the meeting, and practically the full personnel of the Great Council will be in attendance. It is as follows: Great Sachem, Roy C. Flannigan, of Greenville; Great Senior Sagamore, W. E. Herndon, of High Point; Great Junior Sagamore, D. E. Henderson, of Newbern; Great Prophet, J. R. Anderson, of Charlotte; Great Chief of Records, W. Ben Goodwin, of Elizabeth City; Great Keeper of Wampum, E. P. H. Strunck, of Wilmington, as officers, and others to the total number of more than 150. All these will be in attendance upon the pow wows to be held in May. Proper arrangements have been made, or will be in detail, for their entertainment by the Charlotte Redmen. Hotel Clayton will be headquarters.

Hon. E. R. Preston, of Charlotte, will deliver the address of welcome at the opening session and the response will be delivered by Hon. D. E. Henderson, of Newbern.

A feature of the meeting will be a torchlight parade on the evening of May 20th. The parade will be led by the Great Council, and it is expected that every tribe within a radius of 100 miles of Charlotte will be present almost in full force. Between 2,000 and 3,000 Red Men are expected to take part in the parade, which will probably be nearly a mile in length.

In addition to the Great Keeper of Wampum, Mr. E. P. H. Strunch, Wilmington will be represented at the meeting by large delegations from both Cherokee and Eyota Tribes.

..Theatrical..

The Victoria Theatre, Wilmington's handsome and always popular Keith vaudeville house, will begin, with matinee this afternoon, one of the most superb bills it has been the pleasure of the management to present in some time. The bill for the matinee and two performances tonight will include a return engagement from Davis & Matthews, the king and queen of society dances, this number having been included on the programme at the request of a great many who saw them when they were here before. They will be recalled as the greatest tango, maxixe, hesitation and one-step dancers ever seen in Wilmington.

The usual big star bill, in addition to the feature, is going to be given just the same and heading this bill will be the Palace Quartette, one of the most noted singing organizations on the stage. Beatrice and Lillian will form a strong sister act. Then there will be other features and the always delightful music by the Victoria orchestra which rendered the splendid programme at Lumina yesterday afternoon.

At the Grand Theatre.

The banner week artistically is just what is promised at the Grand Theatre this week and those who know of the reputation of this popular "movie" palace may know just what that means.

Tuesday and Wednesday will be Red Letter days, as upon those days Mr. Daniel Frohman, the noted theatrical manager, will present the equally as noted actress, Mary Pickford, in a great film sensation, known as a tragic epic, "Hearts Adrift." It is the most mammoth and magnificent thing in moving pictures, and an all-star cast appears.

The new weeks will be inaugurated this afternoon with a superb bill—one of the very best. It will be led by a great Edison two-part special release, "The Drama in Heyville,' which has as its center stage life. It is a fascinating type of film and you don't want to miss it.

Selig will also star a big one today in "The Attic Above." It is a gripping story of high finance, of the robbery of a bank and things just as exciting.

Then the Kalem company will serve up its best and latest in "Reggie, the Squaw Man." It is a great story.

The special for today is Edison's "The Drama in Heyville." It's a story of the stage, of the ever-fascinating life behind the footlights, with plenty of side lights, too, and it is in two big parts. It is a sensational novelty.

"The Attic Above" is another one of today's charmers, and big productions. Don't miss it, as it is a gripping story of high finance. One of the principal incidents is robbery of a big bank. It is a story with a punch and plenty of excitement.

Here's another great one for today. It's Kalem's "Reggie, the Squaw Man," and it is novelty exciting. Be in on this one, too.

Bear in mind also the Grand's phenomenal special announcement, that tomorrow and Wednesday Mr. Daniel Frohman, at the Grand, will present the noted actress, Mary Pickford, and all-star support, in the great special release film, "Hearts Adrift." It's the most mammoth film production ever made.

At The Bijou Today.

Today is the day—The Bijou the place—to see one of the best shows of the season. No less than three of the movie stars whom every Bijou patron knows best ,will be on the programme for today. The bill will be headed by Miss Leah Baird, that queen of the drama, in a strong two-reel production of "Out of The Far East." This is one of the greatest dramas ever written, by a well known author, and is admirably adapted to the movie screen. Miss Baird will be seen in the leading role surrounded by a magnificent galaxy of the stars of the movie stage, and that the picture is a winner—well, just take our word for it.

Miss Pearl White, that winsome little lady who is playing the lead in the "Perils of Pauline," will be seen in a brand new sparkling comedy, "Get Out and Get Under," (with apologies to the popular "rag" of that title). Miss White is recognized as one of the most competent comedy as well as dramatic artists on the stage, and is ably supported in the feature comic.

"Mabel's Bear Escape" is another one of those great Keystone comedy reels, in which Miss Mabel Normand, the inimitable queen of the comedy role takes the leading part, as its title indicates. "Mabel's Bear Escape" is also a "bare" escape, and the complications of the many laughable situations will convulse you with laughter. Don't fail to go early, for you won't want to miss a flash of this day's programme.

And, Wednesday will see the return of "Our Mutual Girl" in the next reel of that great serial story.

"Within the Law."

One of the most important announcements of the current theatrical season is that "Within the Law," Bayard Veiller's thrilling melodrama that has been thrilling audiences in New York for over a year, will be presented here soon. The American Play Company, producers, have provided a clever cast of players for the local presentation and an elaborate scenic production. April 28th, one night only.

HUERTA REFUSES; WAR IS IMMINENT.

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telegram to Charge O'Shaughnessy yesterday afternoon directing the deliverance of President Wilson's ultimatum. It was as follows:

"Say to Gen. Huerta in reply to yours of April 17th that the President of the United States feels great disappointment at his failure to make a prompt and willing reparation for insults offered to American sailors at Tampico, the offense being still further aggravated by the subsequent arrest of a mail carrier of the United States at Vera Cruz. I was of the belief that Gen. Huerta would, on consideration accede to the most reasonable demands of Admiral Mayo and time has been given him. From your telegram, it would seem that this government's forbearance has been misinterpreted. Under all the circumstances the request for a simultaneous salute is as unjustifiable as is the arrest of American sailors and this makes it impossible for this government to consider further delay.

"You are instructed to inform Gen. Huerta that unless he announces his intention to comply with Admiral Mayo's demand by 6 o'clock P. M. Sunday, April 19th, the President will lay the matter before Congress Monday, with a view of taking such action to enforce the respect due our nation's flag as may be necessary. Gen. Huerta can arrange the details of the salute with Admiral Mayo if he reconsiders the position taken by him. Should he adhere to the position he has taken, you will make the contents of this telegram known to the representatives of foreign governments and send a paraphrase of the telegram to all consulates of America stationed in Mexico so that it may be communicated to American citizens who should, at the same time, be reminded of the President's advice to withdraw from Mexico until order is restored.

"You are instructed to inform us as to Gen. Huerta's attitude and answer as promptly as possible."

News as It Came.

Washington, April 19.—Huerta has refused to accept President Wilson's demand for a salute to the American flag. In a refusal late tonight he countered with new conditions. Officials said these would not be accepted and that the programme of reprisal would be carried out.

Secretary Tumulty announced just before 11 o'clock that President Wilson had instructed him over the long distance telephone to call a special meeting of the Cabinet for 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. Mr. Tumulty announced that the President was preparing to deliver a special message to Congress tomorrow and that a joint session would be held at the earliest hour the congressional leaders could arrange for it, probably 3 o'clock.

"The matter is closed," said Mr. Tumulty. Huerta, he added, had asked for no consultation of the negotiations and refused flatly to accede to what he called the demand for an "unconditional" salute.

Secretary Bryan in conference with Secretary Daniels, Secretary Tumulty and Boaz Long, chief of the Latin-American Bureau of the State Department, prepared to issue a statement outlining the outcome of the negotiations and explaining the position of the United States.

About 11:30 o'clock, Senator Shively, acting chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, reached the White House and joined the conferees.

"It's all over," said the Senator. "I can have nothing more to say until after I have conferred with the leaders."

Messengers were sent for Senators Kern and Gallinger, the Democratic and Republican leaders in the Senate, and Representatives Underwood and Mann, the House leaders, who are to arrange for the joint session of Congress to be addressed by the President.

Representative Raker, one of the many members of Congress waiting at the White House offices for news, said President Wilson's action in this crisis would "clarify the whole situation."

"It will show Mexico and the world that the United States means business," he added, "and will have a good effect on our foreign relations generally."

When Republican Leader Mann heard about Huerta's refusal he said:

"There is no occasion for war at this time, and I do not think there is any occasion for war, or any think like war for an imagined slight. I think the course of the administration has been a very blundering one. We have not been informed as to what the facts have been in this matter. It would be disgraceful to bring about war without making any effort to prevent war. The administration seems to want to go to war over what it calls a punctilio."

"Regardless of party," said Representative Cooper, "Congress will stand by the administration in this grave emergency. I sincerely hope that this situation as disclosed late tonight will not develop into war. Every effort should be made to avert war."

Speaker Clark and Democratic Leader Underwood were out of the city tonight but were expected back tomorrow.

President at Resort.

Throughout today the Mexican crisis occupied the absorbing attention of officials, dispelling the usual calm of a beautiful mid-Spring Sunday. President Wilson arrived at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., early today, after a night ride from Washington and there joined Mrs. Wilson.

Secretary Bryan remained up virtually all of last night awaiting definite word from Mexico City. He was at the State Department until after midnight, and going home continued telephoning to those in the cipher room at the State Department until 4 o'clock this morning. Shortly after 9 o'clock Mr. Bryan had received two messages from Mexico City both from Charge O'Shaughnessy.

The first was merely formal stating that the message of President Wilson giving Huerta until 6 o'clock tonight to yield had been communicated to Portillo y Rojas, the minister for foreign affairs and that a reply would follow. The second dispatch was in the nature of a reply, although officials quickly perceived that it was not clearly responsive and definite as to the demands made by this government, but raised a new issue as to the United States agreeing in writing to return the Huerta salute.

Mr. Bryan summarized the Huerta reply in a tele... at White Sulp... thereafter held ... tance conferenc... going over the ... raised. While th... ered favorable in ... as to saluting the ... It again parleyed ov... ditions. As a result ... tance talk, Mr. Bry... further message to Me... ing it plain that Pre... would listen to no cou... or suggestions, but must ... equivocal acceptance of t... demand at the time state... tonight.

Further Naval Prepara...

While these exchanges we... on by cable between Washing... Mexico City, the Navy Dep... was centering its attention on ... preparation for any eventuality ... might occur.

At 10:30 o'clock—shortly after Huerta's latest dilatory messages had been received—orders were sent to the battleship Mississippi with an aeroplane corps and 600 marines, and the torpedo flotilla at Pensacola, Fla., to get under way immediately, joining Admiral Badger's fleet as it entered the Gulf of Mexico, and proceeding with the fleet to Tampico. The torpedo flotilla consists of 22 destroyers, the tender Dixie, and the scout cruiser Birmingham.

Several of the destroyers are in reserve and it is probable that only 14 will sail.

Secretary Bryan had planned to go to church but as cable messages began to come in he changed his plans and went to the State Department. There he was joined by John Lind and the two went together to the private telegraph office of the State Department, to consult over a difficult piece of deciphering in the latest message from Huerta.

Later the Secretary and Mr. Lind joined Secretary Tumulty at the White House, and the latest exchanges were further gone over in detail.

Later it became known that the messages showed that Huerta was not raising objection to the salute itself but as to the details under which the salute would be returned.

Wanted Written Agreement.

The main condition was that the United States agree to writing that the salute be fired, instead of relying on the assurances given by Admiral Mayo for a return salute. This was construed by officials as a wily and adroit move on Huerta's part to obtain an assurance direct from the American government that would be capable of being construed by him as a recognition of the de facto Mexican government.

Officials here were not disposed to give any such assurances, nor to prolong the discussion as to details. They were determined, after consulting with President Wilson, to hold to the one concrete question of Huerta's yielding to the American demand as it had been submitted.

A reply to Huerta made clear to him that "yes" or "no" to the American demand is all that remained for him, and that nothing that was to be done would bear the construction of a recognition of the Huerta regime.

In the meantime tentative plans were being made for the legislative procedure which tomorrow may place the full naval and military establishment in the hands of the President for decisive measures against the de facto government in Mexico. The scope of the authority to be conferred on the President and the means to be placed in his hands for exerting that authority will depend on the President's desires. When the President returns to Washington early tomorrow morning those desires undoubtedly will be submitted to leaders of the House and Senate before the legislative bodies meet at noon. Then the President probably will go to the Capitol to read a special message to Congress.

Unless the Huerta government accepts the President's term tonight, Majority Leader Underwood will offer a joint resolution in the House when it meets at noon, providing for a joint session of Congress within an hour.

Joint Session at Noon.

The joint session will hear what the President has to advise on the Mexican situation, and probably before the President returns to the White House a resolution will have been offered in each house in separate session. The chairmen of the foreign affairs and foreign relations committees will offer the resolutions, which immediately will be referred to the respective committees. Hurried sessions of the committee will report the resolutions and before adjournment they probably will be passed and laid before the President.

The form and substance of the resolution to be presented in the event of a movement against Huerta, however, will depend largely on President Wilson's wishes. He is expected at least to ask for power to order a blockade of Mexican ports.

Scenes about the State and Navy Departments during the day were reminiscent of the days immediately preceding the Spanish-American war. Telegraph rooms were fully manned and over in the naval annex building the general board was in secret session a good part of the day. Headed by Admiral Dewey, there were gathered around the long table Read Admirals Southerland and Fiske and Captains Winterhalter, the aide for material; Knapp, Hood, Shoemaker and Oliver, Director of Naval Intelligence and Commander Campbell, secretary of the board. The board went over the latest dispatches received by wireless from Rear Admiral Badger on the Arkansas, now in the Florida Straits, Read Admiral Fletcher, at Vera Cruz, and Rear Admiral Mayo, at Tampico.

The March of Science.

Never was there a more vivid illustration of the march of scientific invention as applied to warfare than the facility with which these ranking admirals and captains, plotting out the strategy of a possible war, were able to keep in touch with the developments at every point where an American ship is laying. Some of the men engaged in this task had fresh in mind the painful experiences of the old naval strategy board which in the spring of 1898, 16 years ago, were despairingly trying to get in touch with Sampson and Schley, commanding the two fleets, which, excepting Dewey's Philippine squadron, represented all of the American naval strength of that day.

The cable still is being much used in these days, but the main reliance of the Navy Department for communication between shore stations and men-of-war, now scattered along both coasts of Mexico, are the wireless towers at Key West, Guantanamo and Arlington.

So perfect were the plans laid out and reduced to form months ago by the student officers of the naval war college, covering possible operations of the navy against Mexico, that there was little for the general board to do beyond keeping up to the moment in matters of detail. Because of the almost non-existence of a Mexican navy conditions which American sailors may meet are quite unlike those covered in the plans of campaign prepared for other countries.

Plans Worked Out.

Generally the Mexican plan covers elementary problems, such as the simultaneous establishment of an efficient blockade, which the rather extensive coast line of Mexico would make no small task. Next in order comes the seizure of certain ports, and this is where the painstaking and exhaustive drills of the marine regiments last fall and winter are expected to find their application.

The whole modern theory of advance base operations, with the marines as an active force was planned to meet just such emergencies as the seizure of a port in a hostile country to form a base to be held for the arrival of an army of occupation. The only other feature of activity, in the beginning of operations at least, would be the dispatch by land of an expedition-force to hold important strategic points such as the great trestle on the Vera Cruz-Mexico City Railway proposed to be the key to the possession of that road. And with the 15,000 or more men in his fleet, Admiral Badger could spare a force ample for that purpose.

Later in the day after the adjournment of the board meeting, Rear Admirals Blue and Fiske went to the Navy Department building and awaited the return of Secretary Daniels who had been out of town. The only order that issued from the department during the forenoon was that sent to Pensacola, instructing Commander Sims to fall in line behind the fleet with his flotilla of torpedo boat destroyers, fourteen in number, and the ..agship cruiser Birmingham and tender Dixie. The little vessels had been held in Leash since Tuesday last under orders to "stand by" and it was explained that today's order, which was issued by Admiral Blue on his own authority was simply in expectation of the original design to have the destroyers accompany the battleships on the cruise.

All Will be Sent.

It was announced originally from the navigation bureau that the entire flotilla of destroyers would be sent to Tampico but lack of men compelled the department to retain in reserve at Pensacola eight of the little vessels.

Secretary Daniels returned to Washington about 5 o'clock from Cleveland and went directly to the Navy Department. After a short conference with Admirals Blue and Fiske, and a scanning of the dispatches received in his absence the Secretary settled down to await results of the ultimatum. Several Senators called at the White House during the evening and conferred with Secretary Tumulty who was at the executive offices awaiting dispatches. Secretary Bryan was at his home, in close touch with the State Department and the White House.

News from Mexico was awaited by the people of the capital with the keenest interest. All through the evening streets were thronged and big crowds gathered in front of the newspaper offices.

In the hotel lobbies the crisis was the one topic of conversation and some of the crowds inspired by the playing of the "Star Spangled Banner," and "America" engaged in patriotic demonstrations.

Senators and Representatives besieged the White House and the State and Navy departments with requests for information.

The Mexican embassy here received no word during the day from its government, although officials there waited in momentary expectation that each message from their foreign office might be delivered to them. Senor Algara, charge of the embassy, with the secretaries sat in his office throughout the day and until late at night anxiously awaiting developments. After the final news was conveyed to him that General Huerta had refused to yield, the charge said there was no statement he could make on the situation. Senor Algara plainly showed he was deeply affected by the news.

Reach Tampico Wednesday.

On Board the U. S. S. Arkansas, at Sea by Wireless via Key West, April 19.—The United States battleship fleet will anchor off Tampico about 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, according to present calculations. The South Carolina joined the other battleships today.

Rear Admiral Badger expects to establish wireless communication with Rear Admiral Fletcher at Vera Cruz tomorrow.

Torpedo Flotilla Ready.

Pensacola, Fla., April 19.—Equipped and ready, the United States torpedo flotilla here, consisting of 22 destroyers and two tenders and the battleship Mississippi with a navy aeroplane, tonight waited for the flash of the wireless from Admiral Badger on the flagship Arkansas of the Atlantic fleet telling them to put to sea to join the fleet on its way to Tampico. Seven hundred marines will go with the vessels.

Immediately after the receipt of orders from Washington notifying the fighters to prepare to leave work of rounding up the sailors on shore leave was begun. More than 1,000 men were enjoying a day's vacation, but by 6 o'clock tonight all were back aboard the vessels.

Atmospheric conditions tonight restricted the working of the wireless and only an occasional flash was received from the Arkansas, which is leading the mighty squadron of fighters through the Gulf of Mexico waters tonight. It was expected the orders would be received by early tomorrow at the latest.

The torpedo destroyers can make 30 knots an hour and even though the battleships which passed Key West early obtain a start of 24 hours, the miniature probably could overtake the fleet.

Eight hydro-aeroplanes were moved today from their hangars and placed aboard the Mississippi which is attached to the aeronautic service. The Mississippi was coaling tonight and will be ready within a few hours. The marines will be quartered aboard the Mississippi.

The two tenders with the torpedo flotilla are the cruisers Dixie and Birmingham. The latter is the fastest cruiser in the navy.

The torpedo boats tonight were formed in two double sections in the harbor with their noses turned to the sea, ready for speedy departure.

Claim Flag Not Insulted.

Mexico City, April 19.—The Mexican foreign minister, Senor Portillo y Rojas, announced tonight that it would be impossible to agree to the demand of the United States that the flag of that country be unconditionally saluted, because that flag was not insulted, because it was not flying from the launch and because the marines were set free and before the investigation and the officer responsible for the arrest was himself arrested and held for trial.

The foreign minister further announced that the Mexican government would agree that both flags be saluted, the American flag first and then the Mexican flag, this arrangement to be made by a protocol signed by the American Charge d'Affaires Nelson O'Shaughnessy and the Mexican foreign minister.

The United States government, Senor Portillo declared, had refused permission to Charge O'Shaughnessy to sign such a protocol, and demanded an unconditional salute by Mexico, which Mexico was incompatible with her dignity.

In conclusion the foreign minister said:

"Mexico has yielded as much as her dignity will permit. Mexico trusts to the fairmindedness and spirit of justice of the American people."

The American Charge d'Affaires, Nelson O'Shaughnessy, and the Mexican foreign minister, Senor Portillo y Rojas, were in conference this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Early in the afternoon Charge O'Shaughnessy left the embassy, as there was no indication that President Huerta had reached a decision with reference to the American demand.

The foreign residents and Mexicans appeared to pay little attention to the crisis and followed their usual Sunday pursuits.

Fleet Passed Key West.

Key West, Fla., April 19.—The main division of the Atlantic fleet of the United States navy, bound for Tampico, in connection with the American demand of a salute from the Mexican Federal forces to the United States flag, passed here at 6 o'clock this morning.

Special Wire to Washington.

Galveston, Texas, April 19.—American Charge O'Shaughnessy, at Mexico City, and Foreign Minister Portillo y Rojas, went into conference at 4 o'clock this afternoon according to information received by cable here which had not concluded at 8 o'clock Galveston time. A direct telegraph wire from Galveston to Washington has been arranged for the immediate transmission of any cable messages relating to the Tampico situation.

W. C. WALTERS ON STAND IN HIS OWN BEHALF.

Defense Scores Surprise—Defendant Breaks Down While Testifying.

Opelousas, La., April 19.—The defense in the trial of W. C. Walters, the tinker and alleged kidnaper of Robert Dunbar, a five-year-old boy, near here in August, 1912, sprung a surprise Saturday when Walters was called to the stand to testify in his own behalf.

Walters had scarcely started the story of how he came into possession of the boy he says is Bruce Anderson and claimed by Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Dunbar as their lost son and by Julia Anderson, of North Carolina, as her illegitimate off-spring, when he broke down as he told of his love for the little fellow. It was several minutes before he regained his composure sufficiently to resume his narrative.

The State closed its presentation of testimony at the morning session after Dr. F. C. Shute, the Dunbars' family physician, had described scars and marks on Robert's body left by burns and hurts.

Speculation centers on the effect the verdict would have on those directly involved. The life of Walters is in jeopardy while two women are claiming one boy as their son. Any verdict will bring disappointment to one woman or possibly leave legal doubt as to the boy's identity. Mrs. C. P. Dunbar, of Opelousas, accepts the child taken from Walters when he was arrested as her son and the State is trying to prove it. Julia Anderson, of North Carolina, maintains the boy is Bruce Anderson, her off-spring, and the defense contends it has witnesses to bear it out.

Two points are undisputed—that the boy the Dunbars have in their possession was the one found with Walters in Mississippi and that Walters left North Carolina with the boy known as Bruce Anderson. This has raised the question that if the child is identified as either Robert Dunbar or Bruce Anderson, where is the other?

The defense has indicated it will attempt to show that Robert Dunbar was not stolen from the vicinity of Lake Swayse, near Opalousas, as charged, but fell into the lake and was eaten by alligators.

Dragging the lake failed to solve the mystery.

If Walters is found guilty he may be sent to the gallows.

Those who have watched the case closely, however, say that efforts of each side to prove the boy is the one they contend him to be might raise the question of reasonable doubt as to Walters' guilt. This would make possible a verdict of not guilty and leave the case still a mystery.

MUCH WORK AHEAD OF CONGRESS FOR WEEK.

Mexican Situation Overshadows Programme—Trust Legislation.

Washington, April 19.—While developments in the Mexican situation overshadowed everything else in Washington today, a wealth of legislative business confronted both branches of Congress for the coming week.

In the Senate hearings before the committee on inter-oceanic canals on the President's Panama canal tolls exemption repeal bill will continue.

Immediately on the closing of hearings the committee will begin deliberations of the measure with a view to placing it before the Senate as quickly as possible.

The President's anti-trust program will receive attention on both sides of the Capitol this week. A sub-committee of the Senate inter-State commerce committee hopes to place the combination trust bill framed in administration conferences before the full committee during the week. The House judiciary committee will continue its deliberations on the same measure. The judiciary committee will also take up this week the Federal employes' compensation bill introduced by Representative McGillicuddy, of Maine. The committee expects to take a final vote on the bill this week.

In the House Tuesday Representative Rucker, of Missouri, will bring in from the elections committee a resolution declaring the collection of campaign fund assessments from members of Congress by Congressional political committees is not a violation of the corrupt practices act.

Two bills dealing with the conservation of water power sites will be taken up by House committees. The House committee investigating conditions in the Colorado coal fields probably will conclude its hearings this week.

GRAND
THEATRE

Tomorrow will be inaugurated with a superb bill, led by Edison's two-reel special:
"THE DRAMA IN HAVILLE."
(A film you don't want to miss.)

Selig will star
"THE ATTIC ABOVE."
(A story of high finance.)

Kalem
"REGGIE THE SQUAW MAN"
(Agreat story.)

Tuesday and Wednesday Little Mary Pickford in "Heart Adrift."

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REVIEW

Mexican Situation Was an Active Agent In Last Week's Decline In Stocks.

New York, April 19.—The crisis in the country's relations with Mexico was an active agent in last week's stock declines. Financially the principal effect of the Mexican condition was reflected from Paris and London, where holdings of Mexican securities were complicated with heavy Brazilian liabilities.

Conditions in the steel trade offered no hope of immediate relief. Continuance of outgo in excess of new orders cut down further the margin of future business. Unfavorable estimates of United States teel's earnings for the first quarter were coupled with predictions of a worse showing for the second quarter. Diminished domestic buying weakened the price of copper.

There was fresh fears of delay in the freight rates case and of possible favorable action. New steps in trust legislation dissipated the impression that the matter was to lapse at this session of Congress.

The New York City bond sale registered substantial improvement in investment demand.

Railroad earnings, while still falling off, began to compare favorably owing to last year's flood damages and to retrenchment. Reports of insect damage gave warnings of possible modification of favorable crop prospects.

EXAMINATIONS FOR CADETS FOR THE CUTTER SERVICE

Will be Held for Period of Five Days, Commencing June 1st.

An exceptional opportunity for bright young men with an academic or collegiate education to obtain a commission in the United States Revenue Cutter Service is afforded by the forthcoming examinations for the appointments to cadetships in that service.

The examinations will commence Monday, June 1st, 1914, and will cover a period of five days. Any young man between the ages of 18 and 24 years may take the examination for cadet of the line while the age limits for the examination for cadet engineer has been fixed between 2 and 25 years. It is necessary that candidates be American citizens, physically sound and of good character, and those for cadets of the line must possess a thorough high school or academic education while those for cadet engineer must be thoroughly familiar with marine engineering subjects as examination is based on both theoretical and practical questions in order to give all an opportunity to express their knowledge to the best advantage.

The successful candidates will be appointed cadets and cadet engineers and will probably be assigned to the revenue cutter Itasca and the school of instruction of the Revenue Cutter Service for their probationary period which will be three years for cadets of the line and not less than one year for cadet engineers.

The cadets of the line receive $500 per annum and a commuted ration of 30 cents per diem, while cadet engineers receive $900 per annum and the same commuted ration of 30 cents per day. After being commissioned third lieutenants and third lieutenants of engineers they receive $1,700 per annum, and if not promoted to the grade of second lieutenant or second lieutenant of engineers after five years' service by reason of deaths or retirements in the line of engineer corps, they automatically are promoted by action of law, and they then receive $2,200 per annum.

The commission given in each case is the same as those given in the army, navy and marine corps, and the positions are for life—with retirement on three-quarters pay at the age of 64 years. Ten per cent increase in compensation for every five years' service up to 40 per cent is also provided by law.

Circulars setting forth in detail the scope of the examinations and blank forms of application for designation to take either examination may be obtained from the Captain Commandant, U. S. Revenue Cutter Service, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

BEFORE THE RECORDER.

Probable Cause Found in Case Against William Nixon, Colored.

Probable cause was found Saturday in the Recorder's court in a case against William Nixon, colored, charging him with attempted criminal assault upon Sarah Jane Bowens, a colored girl. The alleged offense occurred several days ago, but the police only succeeded in locating him yesterday morning. He was sent to jail in default of bond.

A nol pros with leave was taken in a case against William Holland, colored, charged with trespass, because of charges brought against him in Federal court, charging him with robbing the mails. Joe McOliver, colored, pleaded guilty to a charge of carrying concealed weapons, but judgment was left open. A nol pros with leave was taken in a case against E. L. Larkins, white, charged with violating a city ordinance.

CONCERT AT LUMINA.

Victoria Orchestra Rendered Musical Programme.

Another concert was given at Lumina yesterday afternoon. Music was furnished by the Victoria orchestra under the leadership of Professor Brown. The concert was begun at 3:30 P. M. A half-hour schedule was operated on the suburban line. Following is the programme for the afternoon's concert:

March, "The Boy Scouts' Parade," Johnson; overture, "Califf of Bagdad," Boieldieu; waltz, "Lestudiantina," Waldteufel; comedy selection, "Alma, Where Do You Live?" Briquet; intermission. Selection, "Chocolate Soldier," Straus; cornet solo, "The Lost Chord," Sullivan; intermezzo, "The Garden of Allah, "Keiser; march, "Saddle Back," Allen.

Held on Robbery Charge.

After finding that Will Holland, colored, who was arrested Friday night on a charge of trespass, had six postoffice keys on his person, further investigation revealed the fact that they had all been taken from boxes in the local postoffice. Postmaster Green Saturday went before Justice Harriss and swore out a warrant for the negro's arrest. He is being held in the sum of $1,000 for his appearance next Wednesday at noon for trial on this charge. The charge of trespass against him was nol prossed. All the keys, it is supposed, were taken from the boxes after they had been left there by their owners.

Meet your friends at the Souvenir Spring Opening at Warren's, Front and Market, Wednesday, April 22nd. (advertisement.) 2t.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON REPORT

Market Under Considerable Pressure During Past Week but Showed Resistance.

New Orleans, April 19.—Cotton was under considerable pressure last week but displayed some resistance to selling and good recuperative power. It was mainly a weather market. The market felt the effects of last week's cold wave and, on the close, was nervous over promised heavy rains Sunday. The net change in prices for the week was a loss of 15 to 17 points.

Statistically, the market was strong this week, as mill takings were large and the movement into sight small while stocks in the interior showed marked shrinkage.

This week the market will pay more attention to weather developments than to any other factor. The earliest sections of the belt will be eagerly watched with the view of getting a line on the early movement of the new crop. Receipts during August this year will be of importance because of the old crop situation.

BIT BY BLUEGUM.

Officer Frank George Has a New Adventure.

Never in his long and adventuresome career on the local police force has Officer Frank George, of the plainclothes squad, suffered the indignities heaped upon him Saturday night by one Fannie Carroll, a colored female, who is a frequent defendant in the Recorder's court. Not content with breaking the little finger on his right hand, she had to bite him through the back of his left mitt, and now he has to sleep with his shoes on, for want of uninjured digits wherewith to unlace them. And the crowning insult of all was added when she caught the loose end of a brand new tango tie he was wearing and with one jerk completely separated it from his neck.

Fannie is a holy terror when she gets going. Saturday night she tanked up on mean whiskey and was cutting a wide swath at Fourth and Harnett streets when the officers appeared on the scene and placed her under arrest on the familiar charge of being drunk and disorderly. Immediately thereafter she suffered what appeared to be a fainting spell, and as the officers momentarily relaxed their vigilance she rose up from her trance, fell upon the unfortunate officer and inflicted the damages enumerated above.

Officer George had the little finger on his right hand broken some years ago, and in the scuffle it snapped again. The woman also fastened her teeth in the back of his left hand and inflicted a mean wound. And lastly she demolished the tie.

She was locked up in the city prison to ponder over the error of her ways, and Officer George is nursing a pair of injured hands with a forbearance that is a part of his make-up.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Superintendent Pitt of Nash County Road Force May Die.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Wilson, N. C., April 20.—Telephonic information reached here Friday afternoon of an accident resulting in serious injury to Superintendent Pitt of the Nash county road force. Mr. Pitt was accidentally shot Thursday evening near the Wilson county line and it is thought that his injuries will result in his death.

It was late in the evening and a severe storm was approaching, Mr. Pitt stopped to pick up some tools and his pistol fell out of the scabbard, and was discharged, the ball striking Mr. Pitt in the eye, passing through his head. At last reports Mr. Pitt was still alive, but in a critical condition.

NEGRO HIT OVER HEAD TAKEN TO HOSPITAL.

Assailant Lodged in City Prison to Await Hearing before Recorder.

Frank Jones, colored, is in the James Walker Memorial Hospital suffering from a cut in his scalp, and Dave Baldwin, also colored, is locked up at the city hall, awaiting a hearing before the Recorder, on a charge of inflicting the damage to Jones' cranium with a deadly weapon, to-wit: a section of gas pipe.

The trouble occurred at 10th and Castle streets last evening about 6 o'clock, when Baldwin met Jones and asked him what he had done with 75 cents given him by Baldwin to purchase some whiskey. Jones waxed facetious and told him he should worry, or something to that effect. One word led to another, and war clouds loomed on the horizon. Baldwin picked up a section of loose pipe lying on the sidewalk and when they came to blows he whacked the other negro across the head with it, putting him down for the count. Baldwin disappeared, and the other negroes who had gathered notified the police. The ambulance was summoned and Jones taken to the hospital, where it was found that his skull was not fractured. A number of stitches had to be taken in his scalp wound. He was reported last night as getting along all right.

In the meantime, a general alarm was sent out to the officers on their beats, notifying them to look out for Baldwin. He was arrested at his home at Sixth and Kidder streets at 8:30 o'clock by Mounted Officer Jas. Jordan, accompanied by Mounted Officer W. K. Rhodes, and Officers Frank George and B. W. Jacobs, of the plainclothes squad. At the city hall last night he admitted hitting the other negro, stating that the quarrel was brought on as a result of the other negro refusing to account for 75 cents which he had given him to purchase a pint of whiskey.

Baldwin's one regret over his arrest appeared to be because it would prevent him from taking up collection at his church, which, he said, was a duty he performed faithfully every Sunday.

WILL USE SPECIAL TRAIN.

Chautauqua Artists to Come South April 27th from Chicago.

A special Redpath Chautauqua train will leave Chicago at 7 o'clock on Monday evening, April 27th, for Charleston, S. C., carrying 80 people. A goodly number of Chautauqua musicians and entertainers will also go to the South in advance of this train as the first Chautauqua opens four days in advance of the train's arrival.

The route will be over the C. & E. I. to Evansville, Ind., thence via the Louisville & Nashville and the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis road to Chattanooga. Next the train will go over the Southern Railway via Knoxville, Tenn., then to Morristown, Tenn., and Columbia, S. C., to Charleston.

Breakfast the first day will be eaten at Nashville, lunch at Chattanooga and dinner at Morristown. Breakfast next morning will be at Columbia, S. C. The arrival at Charleston will be at 11 A. M. that day.

Stops will be made at Hopkinsville, Ky., Murfreesboro, Tullahoma, Springfield, Cleveland and Morristown, in all of which places Redpath Chautauquas will be held later.

A year ago the Redpath Chautauqua special train started a month later than this year and its Southern destination was Albany, Ga.

On the special train of this year will be Bohumir Kryl and his band, The Cathedral Choir, former United States Senator Frank J. Cannon and many others.

The Chautauqua will be in this city from May 8th to 14th, appearing under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

PLANT IN OPERATION.

Bryant Company Running Saw and Planing Mills at Full Capacity.

The lumber plant of the Camp Manufacturing Company, which has been leased by the Bryant Manufacturing Company, has been put in full operation again, and both saw and planing mills are running at full capacity. The Bryant company is at present working the mill from their timber holdings on Town Creek, where they have several thousand acres, and are also preparing to get their logging road in operation in lower Brunswick county, to tap a reserve supply of their holdings in Shallotte township, where they have a fine body of virgin forest.

While not operating at the present time on so large a scale as the Camp company did, the new concern already is employing more than 60 men.

Mr. W. H. Bryant, who is the resident manager, has been with the Camp company for a number of years, and is equipped with splendid ability, as well as long and useful experience. The outlook for the success of the new concern is exceptionally bright.

CHILD DRINKS QUART LIQUOR.

Warsaw Negroes Get Trouble Out of Virginia Shipment.

Warsaw, N. C., April 18.—A family of negroes who live in the colored section of town received a package of whiskey from one of the Virginia mail order houses Thursday and proceeded to drink most of it. However, one quart was left in a bottle. Friday morning Mattie, the 10-year-old girl of the family named Tillery, was the first of the family to awake and she proceeded to drink the entire quart of whiskey. Soon she was in a stupor. Physicians worked with her all day in an effort to revive her. Today her condition is reported somewhat improved, but it is not at all certain that she will recover.

Spring opening at Warren's, Front and Market, Wednesday, April 22nd. Souvenirs to the ladies. 2t (advertisement.)

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